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### CIVIC AND PUBLIC BODIES ENDORSING "FIGHTING FLAMES"

Endorsements for the big spectacle "Fighting the Flames," which the members of the Bridgeport fire department will stage at Avon Field, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 14, have been received from Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, the Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's association, Board of Health, Manufacturers' Association and many others. Letters approving of the spectacle and its purpose, the benefit of sick and injured firemen, were read last night at a meeting of the committee of arrangements held at the headquarters in the Court Exchange building.

Arrangements for the spectacle, sports, vaudeville, etc., are rapidly taking form and everything presages the biggest event of its character ever held here. Tickets have been on sale for several days and after 3 o'clock Monday morning may be exchanged for reserved seat grand stand tickets at Hartigan's drug store in Fairfield avenue. The boxes will be offered for sale at the same place. As there has already been a large demand for tickets those who make early reservations will be assured of the best seats for the spectacle.

### Note Improvement In Condition of Bishop J. J. Nilan

Hartford, Sept. 29.—The Right Rev. Bishop Nilan, who is confined to his room in the Episcopal residence on Farmington avenue from an attack of articular rheumatism, passed a fairly comfortable night Wednesday night and yesterday morning there was an abatement in the pain from which he has suffered. He is attended by Dr. W. H. Crowley, who gives encouraging reports of his condition.

Dr. Crowley will advise the bishop to take a vacation just as soon as his condition will warrant and to spend it at some place where the conditions are helpful to persons suffering from rheumatic troubles. No definite plans have yet been made as to the time the bishop will leave or the place to which he will go. His Episcopal engagements for the month of October have been cancelled.

Experts estimated that \$500,000,000 is the retail value of sodas, sun-glasses and other fountain refreshments sold in the United States in 1916.

Real estate men at New Haven, were approached by government agents who are seeking a site for a government armor plate plant.

### BESSE SYSTEM

## Besse Suits and Topcoats For Men and Young Men Are World Beaters---

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The incomparable superiority of these new fall suit models establishes a style standard to which every alert man will readily subscribe.

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### A FEW PRICE ARGUMENTS— BEHOLD

500 Pairs Sweet-Orr & Co. Corduroy Pants  
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"THE HOME OF LOW PRICES"

## DESTINY OF NATION IS CAMPAIGN ISSUE, PRESIDENT ASSERTS

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 29.—"The question is about to be determined whether we shall keep the Nation upon its present terms of peace and good will with the world, or turn to radical changes of policy which may alter the whole aspect of the Nation's life."

President Wilson wrote the letter continued, after thanking Miss Larrabee for her work done on his behalf by her organization, "that the intelligent women of Oregon need no suggestion or intimation from me as to what are the real issues of the present campaign or the real concern that women have with those issues."

"As a very sincere advocate of the extension of suffrage to women, it seems to me a very great disservice to the cause that partisan use should be made of it, particularly at a time so critical as this," he said.

Scores of telegrams poured in to the White House summer offices today, congratulating the President on his determination to answer the Republicans and to deliver a broadside against Candidate Hughes and other Republicans in his speech before the Young Men's League of Democratic Clubs at Shadow Lawn on Saturday.

Although a vigorous political pronouncement from Mr. Wilson is predicted, the real onslaught will be delivered at Omaha next Thursday when the President will speak to a larger audience than has yet heard him talk on the issues of the campaign.

People Want to Hear Him

Presidential Secretary Tumulty merely smiled today when he was asked if Mr. Wilson's visits to Omaha, Indianapolis and other Middle Western points was designed to "speed up" the campaign. Mr. Tumulty said: "It is only natural that the people of the country should be anxious to hear their President discuss political topics. Mr. Wilson has not been the kind of a President who has been rushing around the country preaching about the virtues and accomplishments of the administration. But, judged by the invitations being received daily at the summer executive office, people in every state of the Union are anxious to hear him discuss the political issues of the day. Therefore, so far as it will be possible, the President will answer insistent importunities for speeches here and there throughout the country."

Little doubt exists that the chief subjects of these addresses will be divided into two main themes: That the country has been kept at peace and that business has been prepared to meet the unprecedented conditions expected to follow the end of the European war.

Sees New Business Problems.

On this latter point the President, in a letter to Howard S. Williams, president of the Jackson, (Miss.), Young Men's Business Club, wrote last night:

"I am genuinely disappointed that I cannot be present at the second annual convention of the Young Men's Business Clubs of America, which is to meet in Jackson on Oct. 10 and 11, but imperative engagements elsewhere have worked out in a way which renders it clearly impossible."

"The future business development of the country rests in an unusual and peculiar degree at present in the hands of the young business men. The problems of the future in the field of business are going to be new problems very largely, or else old problems in a new form. It will need imagination, vigor, vision and enterprise to deal with them as they should be dealt with, and the young men of this generation should be preparing themselves in mind and purpose for a new era."

"It would be a great privilege if I could come to bear such a message in person. Since I cannot, I can only ask you to utter it for me and to assure the gentlemen assembled of my profound interest in the part they are to play in the future development of the great nation we love."

President Wilson has been extremely averse to surrendering to the demands of Democrats who have been through the country who have pleaded with him to deliver in their localities addresses calculated to add strength to their local and state tickets.

May Touch on Local Issues.

Democratic National Chairman Vance McCormick, who left here for New York yesterday, urged him to include what is called the President's "quasi-political speech program" of addresses in states where talks by the Chief Executive would be beneficial to local tickets. Mr. Wilson has this suggestion under advisement, and, in deference to the demands of Chairman McCormick and leaders from doubtful states, may in his tour make speeches helpful to local and state tickets.

From the start of the campaign President Wilson has insisted that he should not be called upon to make speeches of a purely political character. He has maintained that, as President of the United States, he is not a political personage and therefore cannot mix in the maelstrom of political discussion.

As a consequence he has so far permitted the exhortations of Candidate Hughes to go unanswered, although Saturday, when he makes his first speech before a purely political body, he is expected to dissect some of Mr. Hughes' criticisms and answer them in a manner which will be sufficient not only to the Republican Presidential candidate, but to other Republican politicians who have devoted their energies to blackening the record of Democratic national achievements.

"All of President Wilson's friends," said a high Administration official here today, "are delighted with the apparent determination of the President to answer his critics in true Wilsonian style."

Will Talk in New York.

It was definitely determined yesterday that Mr. Wilson will make two speeches in New York state, one in the Greater City and another in Buffalo.

Syracuse has been urged upon the President as the more advisable point for an up-State speech, but Erie county being a politically debatable locality it was determined that an address by the President there would result in swinging Buffalo and the surrounding country into the Democratic column.

The Buffalo speech will be made late in October or in November, just before election. That in New York city will be a day or two earlier.

Scores of telegrams have been received from New York city, many signed by men prominent in Tammany and other circles, urging Mr. Wilson to discuss in Madison Square Garden campaign subjects, particularly those concerning state issues.

May Aid Seabury Campaign

Mr. Wilson's political managers confidently believe Gov. Whitman is what is termed "a weak sister," and that a speech from the President will largely enhance the possibility of the election of Judge Seabury. Consequently they are urging that the President speak in New York in behalf of the Democratic ticket in order to give an impetus to the campaign in the state.

In view of the personal recriminations by Mr. Hughes, Democratic campaign managers here insist that no rules of propriety will be enforced upon Mr. Wilson if he takes the stump and answers the Republican candidate in a manner that only he, as leader of the Democratic party, is in a position to employ.

For this reason the President is being urged to forego his former determination to visit solely as Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, and appear upon the political platform as Woodrow Wilson, candidate for re-election and defender of the four years of Democratic achievement in national affairs.

Democratic leaders considered naming a day to be dedicated as "Wilson Day" throughout the country and celebrated by Democrats.

The President will review the Fourth New Jersey Regiment at Seagirt Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

### WILSON TO RELY ON PORCH TALKS

New York, Sept. 29.—According to Vance McCormick, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, no change has been made in the arrangements for the President's participation in the campaign, despite constant reports to the contrary.

"No new speaking engagements have been made for the President, and it is not true that he is contemplating a tour of any kind," said Mr. McCormick yesterday. He said the President, apart from two speeches already designated, will content himself with porch speeches at Shadow Lawn on Saturdays.

The President will tomorrow address young men, and a special trainload of members of the Young Men's Democratic League, for which a special round trip has been arranged, will leave the Pennsylvania station at 1 o'clock. Oct. 21 the farmers of New Jersey will hear the President, and Oct. 24 has been set aside as "Pennsylvania Day." Another Saturday will be "St. Louis Day," and so on. No date has yet been set for "New York Day."

Has Farmers, Says Grosscup.

According to Edward E. Grosscup, Democratic state chairman of New Jersey, the President of that state will vote for the President.

"They give three reasons for doing so," said Mr. Grosscup. "Peace and prosperity; the high prices they receive for their products and the fact that there has been no railroad strike to interfere with their business."

In the midst of the busy day following his return from Shadow Lawn, Mr. McCormick found time to comment yesterday on the reception accorded to Mr. Hughes in Pennsylvania.

"I infer from the despatches that Mr. Hughes very practically and very properly attaches more importance to the absence of enthusiasm among Americans than he does to the public reaction of Mr. Plinn of Pittsburgh and Mr. Penrose of Philadelphia."

"Outside of the fact that fewer people heard his eight speeches in Pennsylvania than greeted him at a single meeting in another state, and that there was little or no enthusiasm, Mr. Hughes' tour of 'rock-ribbed' Pennsylvania was a success. Of course the picture of the Penrose-Film reconciliation would have been enhanced by the presence also of Gifford Pinchot."

Calls Hughes Steel Trust Man.

Mr. McCormick also called attention to the fact that President Wilson voted in the New Jersey primaries, whereas Mr. Hughes did not vote in the New York primaries. He also said:

"When the Suffrage amendment was submitted in New Jersey and New York, the same striking contrast between President Wilson and Mr. Hughes was first emphasized. The President went from Washington to Princeton to vote for the amendment. Mr. Hughes remained in Washington, ignoring his duty as a citizen and attempting to make amends later by telling the women he favors Suffrage."

Chairman James F. Guffey of the Pennsylvania Democratic state committee visited Harrisburg yesterday, and John J. Murphy, Norwich, combined police nipper and twister.

Albert A. Page, East Haven, door check and closer.

Chester J. Randall, Naugatuck, apparatus for exhausting the interior of rubber articles.

Arthur F. Haller, Merrow, toothbrush.

Henry B. Cooley, Kensington, machine for making paper cups.

George I. Jeralds, Cheshire, garment-supporter loop.

George R. Lum, South Wilton, valve-grinding machine.

### NOTED ALIENIST DEAD.

Paris, Sept. 29.—Dr. A. Magnan, one of the foremost alienists in France, is dead. Dr. Magnan was chief of the Paris Insane Bureau and director of the French school of advanced research.

The seventh death from infantile paralysis since the disease began to attract attention in Pittsburgh several months ago, was reported.

## SEPTEMBER SPECIALS

### Buy Boys Suits Now

3000 Good \$5.00 Grades on Sale

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Two Pairs of Pants

They are the new Fall Norfolk Models, some with the Pinch Back and the three-piece belt; made of pure worsted blue serge of rich, fast colors; strong and sturdy corduroys, and new dark mixtures; grays and browns—in stripes, checks and plain colors. Every color is guaranteed fast and every suit guaranteed to fit; sizes 5 to 18 years.

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The New Model Suits in \$6.50 grades and patterns in great popularity this season. Fine all wool serges, stylish mixtures and sturdy corduroys; suits that are carefully made and which your boy will be proud to wear; some of the mixtures and corduroys have two pairs of pants; sizes 6 to 18 years, at **\$5.00**



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### Boys' Extra-Value Suits

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You can't duplicate them at wholesale at the price we quote here; they are models and patterns of this season's make and every suit is guaranteed to fit and hold its color, fine assortment of good school suits in neat gray mixtures; well made and perfect fitting; worth easily \$2.95; sale price **\$1.95**



### Boys' School Blouses

About 600 new

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and tasteful Fall

patterns; on sale at

**29c**

We want you to see these before you buy any blouses for your boy; you'll say they are wonderful value—and they are. Made of Percale, white madras, blue chambray, and dark ginghams; full cut blouses with attached collars and open cuffs.

### Boys' \$1.50 Sweaters

New garments in Oxford only and with shawl collar and two pockets; new and per-fect; at **\$1.00**

### Boys' School Caps

The grade selling everywhere at 50c; made of good suitings in Fall patterns; sale price **25c**

Boys' Shirts  
Coat style; striped, soft-finish percales with open French cuffs and neckbands; all sizes, **59c**

Boys' School Hats  
Fall shapes and colors; the regular 6 1/2 and 7 1/2 grades; Rals Rals, Alpines, Telescopes, and Billie Boy styles; at **50c**

### Boys' Stockings

Good, strong, durable hose; the usual 1 1/2 grade; heavy and fine rib; all sizes up to 10; **15c**

### Boys' Neckwear

Neat four-in-hands in a variety of new and stylish colors; the grade selling usually at 10c; at **10c**

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## The Surprise Store

### CONNECTICUT PATENTS

The following were issued Sept. 26, 1916: List furnished from the offices of Wooster & Bowersock, Solicitors of Patents, 1115 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.

George W. Collins, Bridgeport, strainer.

Henry A. House, Bridgeport, metal barrel-hull.

Otto Hultgren, Bridgeport, type-writing machine.

Robert C. Cole, Hartford, cut-out block.

Robert C. Cole, Hartford, high-tension telegraph-circuit protector.

Friedrich Muller, Hartford, chucking device.

Howard B. Robinson, Hartford, cleaner for moving picture films.

Louis Langhaar, West Hartford, anti-friction bearing.

Karl E. Paller, Hartford, conveying molten glass.

Tru H. Spencer, West Hartford, vacuum-gauge.

Christian Bodmer, New Britain, saw-set.

Oscar Moberg and E. Hooge, New Britain, 2 patents; apparatus for the manufacture of double-walled vacuum receptacles.

Joseph F. Lamb, New Britain, electric cooker (design).

Lauritz W. Anderson, Waterbury, socket-cover with interchangeable shade-support.

Nils H. Anderson, Middletown, type-writing machine.

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Edward L. C. Clark, Middletown, type-writing machine.

Clifford P. Wicks, Stamford, rim night-latch.

William G. Homan, Meriden, globe and shade holder.

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John J. Murphy, Norwich, combined police nipper and twister.

Albert A. Page, East Haven, door check and closer.

Chester J. Randall, Naugatuck, apparatus for exhausting the interior of rubber articles.

Arthur F. Haller, Merrow, toothbrush.

### SANTE FE RAILROAD

SHOWS GREAT GAINS

The Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad in 1916 earned a surplus of \$32,579,735 for its \$214,312,500 of common stock equivalent to 15.30 per cent, on that issue compared with 9.13 per cent, on \$200,489,500 of common stock in 1915. The return on property investment was 6.19 per cent, as against 5.40 per cent, in 1915.

Gross earnings were the largest in the company's history, amounting to \$132,762,392, an increase of \$16,096,604 over 1915. Freight earnings made up to \$91,432,496 of gross earnings and showed an increase of \$10,928,036, which was 68 per cent, of the total gain in gross. Passenger earnings were \$31,568,600, an increase of \$3,745,537. Operating expenses were \$7,639,407 greater, but notwithstanding this increase, the proportion of total operating expenses to gross earnings was lower, being 62.60 per cent, compared with 64.67 per cent, in 1915.

Net earnings, totalling \$50,031,432, were \$3,457,398 greater than in 1915. After deducting taxes and miscellaneous uncollectible items, and adding other income, total gross income of the system was \$47,087,123, a gain of \$8,035,571, and fixed charges amounting to \$14,507,428, left a net income for the year of \$32,579,735, or \$3,457,398 more than in 1915.

Dividends of 5 per cent, or \$6,208,685, on the preferred stock and 6 per cent, or \$12,482,250, left surplus available for various income appropriations of \$13,883,770 and deducting these there was left as final surplus for the year \$6,519,022. In 1915 the entire surplus remaining after dividends, \$6,580,845 was appropriated for various income appropriations.

"The ability of the company to pay 6 per cent, on the common stock is due to the fact that it pays an average of only slightly more than 4 per cent, on its bonded debt, much of the bonded debt having been created when money could be obtained at or near 4 per cent," President Ripley explains.

### BROTHERHOOD DENOUNCES LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

In a resolution, signed by 125 members of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian church, and sent to Mayor Wilson, demanding that the charter form of government question be presented to the voters on election day, Nov. 7, instead of the 25th, the petitioners denounce the present drivers, against whom complaints the resolution was framed at last night's meeting of the Brotherhood.

## Remiz Furs

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and signed by the members, after several speakers outlined the merits of a commission form of government.

Rev. J. MacLaren Richardson, speaking on the subject, said: "This is a movement which cannot be killed by the politicians. It is sweeping the country, and where it is in force it is a pronounced success. And we will have it here sooner or later. It is an unselfish movement, and when anything unselfish is broached no group of selfish persons or officials can stop it. In this respect a big obligation rests upon us, and we as an organization will not be found wanting. I know."

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a W-